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a⁴ --Detailed Description of the Invention--.

In the Claims

a⁵ 1. (Amended) A water-redispersible polymer powder, based on protective colloid stabilized vinyl ester polymers in building adhesive compositions, wherein the vinyl ester polymers contain from 0.2 to 1.5% by weight, based on the overall weight of the vinyl ester polymers, of auxiliary monomer units derived from monomers having a higher water solubility than vinyl acetate.

2. (Amended) The water dispersible polymer powder of Claim 1 comprising at least one auxiliary monomer unit selected from the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated monocarboxylic acids, ethylenically unsaturated dicarboxylic acids, including their anhydrides, ethylenically unsaturated carboxamides, ethylenically unsaturated carbonitriles, ethylenically unsaturated sulfonic acids and their salts. 112

3. (Amended) The water-dispersible polymer powder claimed in Claim 1 wherein the vinyl ester polymers comprise at least one member selected from the group consisting of vinyl ester-ethylene copolymers, vinyl ester-ethylene-fumaric acid

copolymers, vinyl ester-ethylene-maleic diester copolymers, vinyl ester-ethylene-vinyl chloride copolymers, vinyl acetate with at least one copolymerizable vinyl ester copolymer, vinyl acetate with at least one copolymerizable vinyl ester and ethylene, vinyl ester-acrylic ester copolymers and vinyl ester-acrylic ester ethylene.

4. (Amended) The water-redispersible polymer powder as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the protective colloid present comprises at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol and a fully hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol.

5. (Amended) The use of a water-redispersible polymer powder as claimed in Claim 4, comprising at least one polyvinyl alcohol selected from the group consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohols having a degree of hydrolysis of from 80 to 95 mol% and a Höppler viscosity in a 4% strength aqueous solution of from 1 to 30 mPas and partially hydrolyzed, hydrophobically modified polyvinyl alcohols having a degree of hydrolysis of from 80 to 95 mol% and a Höppler viscosity in 4% strength aqueous solution of from 1 to 30 mPas.

6. (Amended) The water-redispersible powder claimed in Claim 5, comprising at least one polyvinyl alcohol selected from the

group consisting of polyvinyl alcohols having a degree of hydrolysis of from 85 to 95 mol% and a Höppler viscosity in 4% strength aqueous solution from 3 to 15 mPas.

7. (Amended) A cementitious building adhesive formulation containing the water-redispersible polymer powder of Claim 1.

8. (Amended) A cement-free building adhesive formulation comprising the water-redispersible polymer powder of Claim 1.

9. (Amended) A tile adhesives comprising the water-redispersible polymer powder of Claim 1.

10. (Amended) An exterior insulation system adhesive comprising the water-redispersible polymer powder of Claim 1.

Please add the following new claims:

11. The water-dispersible polymer powder of Claim 2 wherein the vinyl ester polymers comprise at least one member selected from the group consisting of vinyl ester-ethylene copolymers, vinyl ester-ethylene-fumaric acid copolymers, vinyl ester-ethylene-maleic diester copolymers, vinyl ester-ethylene-vinyl chloride copolymers, vinyl acetate with at least one copolymerizable vinyl ester copolymer, vinyl acetate with at least one copolymerizable vinyl ester and ethylene, vinyl ester-acrylic ester copolymers and vinyl ester-acrylic ester ethylene.

12. The water-redispersible polymer powder as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the protective colloid present comprises at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol and a fully hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol.

13. The water-redispersible polymer powder as claimed in Claim 3 wherein the protective colloid present comprises at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol and a fully hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol.

14. The water-redispersible polymer powder as claimed in Claim 12, comprising at least one polyvinyl alcohol selected from the group consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohols having a degree of hydrolysis of from 80 to 95 mol% and a Höppler viscosity in a 4% strength aqueous solution of from 1 to 30 mPas and partially hydrolyzed, hydrophobically modified polyvinyl alcohols having a degree of hydrolysis of from 80 to 95 mol% and a Höppler viscosity in 4% strength aqueous solution of from 1 to 30 mPas.

15. The water-redispersible polymer powder as claimed in Claim 13, comprising at least one polyvinyl alcohol selected from the group consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohols

having a degree of hydrolysis of from 80 to 95 mol% and a Höppler viscosity in a 4% strength aqueous solution of from 1 to 30 mPas and partially hydrolyzed, hydrophobically modified polyvinyl alcohols having a degree of hydrolysis of from 80 to 95 mol% and a Höppler viscosity in 4% strength aqueous solution of from 1 to 30 mPas.

16. The water-redispersible powders claimed in Claim 14, comprising at least one polyvinyl alcohol selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohols having a degree of hydrolysis of from 85 to 95 mol% and a Höppler viscosity in 4% strength aqueous solution from 3 to 15 mPas.

17. The water-redispersible powders claimed in Claim 15, comprising at least one polyvinyl alcohol selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohols having a degree of hydrolysis of from 85 to 95 mol% and a Höppler viscosity in 4% strength aqueous solution from 3 to 15 mPas.

18. A cementitious building adhesive formulation containing the water-redispersible polymer powder of Claim 2.

19. A tile adhesive comprising the water-redispersible polymer powder of Claim 2.

20. An exterior insulation system adhesive comprising the water-redispersible polymer powder of Claim 2.